

Lt. Col. M. David Waddell

Battalion Commander

David Waddell was born in Ashland, Ky. He was commissioned a quartermaster officer through the Eastern Kentucky University ROTC program where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in police administration. He also holds a masters degree in administration from Central Michigan University.

Upon commissioning as a branch detailed infantry officer, Waddell was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas as a mechanized infantry platoon leader. After transitioning to his basic branch of quartermaster, he was assigned to the Division Materiel Management Center where he served as a maintenance manager for the division's cavalry squadron and aviation brigade.

After completion of the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, Lt. Col. Waddell was assigned to the 30th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Sill, Okla., as a combat developments staff officer within the Materiel, Requirements, and Integration Division. Also while at Fort Sill, Lt. Col. Waddell had the unique opportunity to command Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Field Artillery.

Following command, Lt. Col. Waddell served a one year assignment with Sun Oil Company, Philadelphia, Penn., as part of the Army's Training with Industry program. Upon leaving SUNOCO, he completed a utilization tour with Defense Energy Support Center-Middle East in Manama, Bahrain. There he was a petroleum quality assurance representative in Kuwait, Qatar, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Lt. Col. Waddell's next assignment was as the plans branch chief for the United States Army Recruiting Command, G3.

After completion of Command and General Staff College, he was the support operations officer for the 277th Aviation Support Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Drum, N.Y. While deployed on Operation Enduring Freedom, he became the executive officer and redeployed the battalion back to Fort Drum.

Lt. Col. Waddell was then assigned to Fort Knox, Ky. and the 3rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary). As the deputy support operations officer, he established the logistics fusion cell and synchronized sustainment across Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was the SOUTHCOM LNO when the unit deployed to Haiti in support of Operation Unified Response. Lt. Col. Waddell's most recent assignment was as the plans and concepts chief, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, G5.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Bradley Fighting Vehicle Commander's Course, Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, Petroleum Officer Course, Combat Developer Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Support Operations Course, Command and General Staff College and the Joint Planning Course.

Lt. Col. Waddell's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three OLC, Army Commendation Medal with two OLC, the Army Achievement Medal with four OLC, National Defense Service Medal with

bronze star device, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two bronze star devices, Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze star devices, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 3, NATO Medal (ISAF), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation with one OLC, and the Airborne Badge.

Lt. Col. Waddell is married to the former Kimberly Clarkston of Catlettsburg, Ky. Their children are Kasey Jo and Michael.